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METHOD FOR RECOVERING FILTER THEREOF

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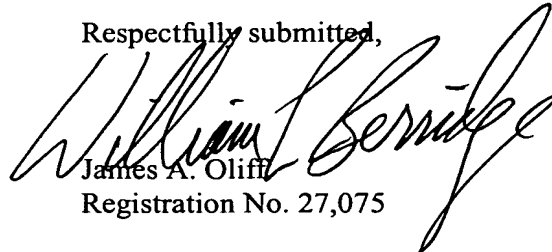
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- ☒ 6. An English language Abstract of one or more non-English language reference is attached hereto. See References 3-6.

- ☒ 7. A computer-generated English language translation of one or more Japanese Patent Publication cited herein has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 3-6.

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	4	JP A 2003-83031	03/19/2003	Japan	X	X
	5	JP A 2000-213332	08/02/2000	Japan	X	X
	6	JP A 2002-332824	11/22/2002	Japan	X	X

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Appendix

JP-A-No.2003-083031	Sep.7, '01	Mar. 19, '03	Disclosed that the recovery process is prohibited when the engine is in a continuous recovery region in which soot in the particulate filter is burnt by nitrogen oxide continuously generated by the oxidation catalyst.
JP-A-No.2000-213332	Jan. 26, '99	Aug. 2, '00	Disclosed that a continuous recovery region is present in a region in which the engine is operated at a high-rotational speed and high load.
JP-A-No.2002-332824	May 10, '01	Nov. 22, '22	Disclosed that method for estimating an amount of particulate matter deposited in the filter varies in accordance with an operation region of the engine.